

Random Notes.

The public seems to be tiring of the Cuban question. Two months ago excitement was at the highest point. Everywhere there was sympathy for the so called patriots. Today opinion is much more conservative. There is no longer any serious talk of precipitate action by congress. There is a disposition on the part of the authorities in Washington to proceed cautiously, and the people are satisfied to await their deliberate action. The man who is to be President McKinley's secretary of state has, undoubtedly, had a good deal to do in tempering the zeal of senators on this important question.

Senator Sherman is one of those men who never do anything in a hurry. He is as deliberate as Harrison. He is one of the most conservative men in public life. In his seventy three years of life he has seen much of the world and passed through many crises. It is no new thing for him to have an important voice in the adjustment of matters of grave state policy. It was like Sherman when he knew he was to be McKinley's secretary of state, to exercise his influence to the end that the senate might not do anything that would unnecessarily complicate the Cuban question. All the influence of the incoming administration will be used to prevent any ill-considered action before March 4, and it is altogether probable that this congress will take no important action. If the Cuban question is passed on to the McKinley administration, as now seems probable, the public may rest assured that the matter will be handled with wisdom and judgment as well as in a spirit of proper patriotism. With McKinley in the president's chair and Sherman as premier this and all other international questions will be treated calmly and considerately. There is nothing of the jingo about either of these two men. They are not apt to be influenced by impulse or to be guided by cheap sentiment.

The selection of Sherman appears to have given the greatest satisfaction throughout the country. The senator is not a man of large personal following. He is too "cold" for that. But he is universally respected, and among thinking men he is admired for his many high qualities. Tom Reed's appointment might have been hailed with more enthusiasm - there are always men waiting to whoop it up for any kind of a "Tom" and the man from Maine, notwithstanding his somewhat brusque manner, is a good deal of a popular idol. But with the possible exception of Reed there is no man in the country whose appointment would have caused such general satisfaction as that of Sherman. And he is, perhaps, better qualified for the important post than the more brilliant Reed.

The president-elect has made a good start. If the remainder of his cabinet appointees are anything like as good as Sherman there will not be much cause for complaint, and the probabilities are that the other members of the new cabinet will be of ability and character and fitness commensurate with Sherman's. Surely there can be no mistake in the selection of such men as Senator Aldrich, Judge Nathan Goff, Charles Emory Smith and Mr. Wilson of Iowa, some of whom, and possibly all, will be seated around the next president's council board.

Two weeks ago it was regarded as settled that Cornelius N. Bliss of New York would be in the cabinet, and there was great satisfaction in the Empire state. Mr. Bliss is the only man in the state who is smooth enough to be in equally high favor with the Plattites and anti Plattites. But Mr. Bliss decided that he didn't

want a cabinet portfolio. The fact that he is prominently mentioned in connection with the maycralty of Greater New York may have had something to do with his declination of Major McKinley's offer. Bliss, by the way, has probably declined more offers than any other man in the country excepting, perhaps, Chauncey M. Depew. The politicians are now busy, trying to find somebody in New York state whose appointment would not cause an outbreak of one faction or the other. Some people think that both New York and Pennsylvania may fail to be represented in the cabinet on account of the factional bitterness in the two seats. W. MORTON SMITH.

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SHERIFF SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein E. E. Lyle is plaintiff and Olaf Blomstrom, et al., defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 16th day of February, A. D., 1897, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

The south half (S 1/2) of the southwest quarter (S W 1/4) of the northeast quarter (N E 1/4) of section two (2), in township twelve (12), north of range seven (7), east of the sixth P. M., in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 14th day of January, A. D., 1897.

John J. Trompen, Sheriff.

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NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LETTERS.

In re Estate of Lute C. Young, Deceased.

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to Halleck C. Young, Carlton C. Young and to any other person interested in said matter.

Take notice, that a petition signed by Halleck C. Young praying said Court to grant Letters of Administration of said Estate to Halleck C. Young has been filed in said Court; that the same is set for hearing on the 13th day of February 1897, at 9 o'clock a. m. and that if you do not then appear and contest, said Court may grant administration of the said estate to Halleck C. Young.

Notice of this proceeding shall be published three weeks successively in The Courier prior to said hearing.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this 18th day of January, A. D. 1897. S. T. Cochran, County Judge.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Francis A. Lewis and John G. Johnson as executors of the last will and testament of George Blight deceased is plaintiff, and Elsie L. Epperson et al defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 23rd day of February A. D. 1897, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction, the following described real estate, to-wit:

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